

Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Earlimart Community

Tracking No: 4007

Location: Earlimart, CA

County: Tulare

Project Sponsor: Earlimart Public Utilities District
Tulare County Redevelopment Agency
Earlimart School District

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Co-applicant(s): TCRA will administer the project on behalf of EPUD under a pre-existing Joint Development Agreement. Earlimart School District is a co-signer of the agreement. EPUD/TCRA are apparently seeking funding for \$7,100,000 in additional funding, potentially from a USDA Rural Development Grant, a FHWA Congestion Management and Air Quality Grant, a State HCD Technical Assistance Grant, a TCRA Earlimart RDA Capital Improvement Program Grant or Housing Set-aside Program Grant, or a USDA Rural Development or Community Facilities Loan.

Assembly District: 30

Senate District: 16

Project Description (including size): The project would construct 38,000 lf storm drain, 80,000 lf curb and gutter, a 9.47 acre-foot detention basin, and an open unlined channel to route all storm drain outflow to a 48 af retention basin, with property purchase as needed for the detention basin and landscaping designed to filter out pollutants for the open channel. The facilities would contribute to drainage of the 615 urbanized acres within the 1208-acre Earlimart Urban Area Boundary.

Flood Benefits: Earlimart is in the Deer Creek basin of the White River watershed, a 123 square mile basin with no flood control facilities. Earlimart has suffered floodwater intrusion averaging 1-3 times in 10 years, notable recent occurrences being 1996-97 and 1998-99. The 75-year-old town has been developed to rural community standards, and only recently has begun to acquire sewer and water systems. Unimproved roads without sidewalk, curb, or gutter are typical except in new subdivisions. As a result, floodwaters stand in the community for up to three weeks, with accumulation of organic and inorganic contaminants. The project would provide facilities to eliminate standing water due to local runoff for the 10-year storm, but would not deal with flood flows from the White River or Deer Creek. It would reduce damage and improve circulation for emergency vehicles and evacuees in a flood event. Applicant estimates that flood damages would be reduced by an average \$450,000 annually. The project would also reduce pollutant transfer downstream to the Tulare Lake Basin and

unquantified amount by biological filtering in the open channel and retention in the basins.

Agricultural Benefits: None claimed.

Agricultural Land Conserved, acres, if any: None.

Wildlife Benefits: Local school children may construct of bat and owl boxes, grow living barriers, or revegetate with native plants in one of the drainage basins.

Wildlife Habitat Conserved, acres, if any: Not specified.

Total area conserved: Not specified.

Other Benefits: Percolation of stored water to the ground water; flood benefits as discussed above to the estimated 6,583 underrepresented people of Earlimart. The community has a median household income of \$ 16,593, with 39% of residents living below the poverty level and chronic unemployment of 45%.

Total Cost: \$ 12,500,000

FPCP Cost: \$ 5,000,000

Funding Partners and Share of Cost:

Local funds (source unspecified)	\$ 400,000
Unsecured additional funding	\$ 7,100,000
(Potentially from listed agencies)	